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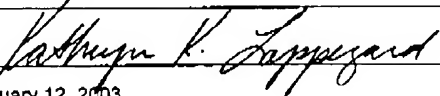
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of November 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 73 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 29 as follows:

29. (Four Times Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising Seq. ID No. 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 or a conservatively substituted polypeptide thereof, wherein said isolated polypeptide or conservatively substituted polypeptide thereof has at least 30% sequence identity to the polypeptide of Seq. ID No. 2, wherein the percent identity is determined by Blast 2.0 using default parameters.